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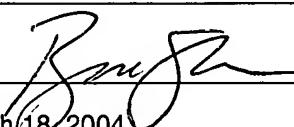
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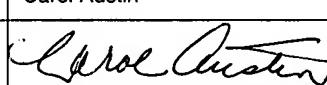
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Title: MODULAR LIFT ASSEMBLY

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Copies of the foreign publications and their corresponding English language abstracts are included. An English language abstract of DD 255 522 is not available, therefore a copy of the International Search Report related to this application's parent filing, 09/627,537, is provided (MPEP III A3).

As this Statement is filed before the mailing of the first Office Action, Applicant
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